



**PATENT**

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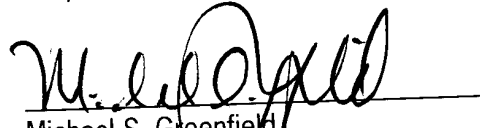
**WRITTEN ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Sir:

Applicant herein asserts that it is a small entity and as such is entitled to small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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